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SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR :—" In addition to giving loans, will the Government also see that coconut seedlings are supplied to the poor ryots through the Department of Agriculture? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, there is a proposal. We have addressed the Agricultural Officer in Malabar for the supply of coconut seedlings to the ryots."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" As the interest rate of 5 per cent per annum is rather excessive, will the Government think of reducing the rate of interest? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I thought the rate of interest was low enough, Sir."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—" வாழைத்தோட்டம் இழந்தவர்களுக்கும் இந்த உதவி அளிக்கப்படுமா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" இந்தக் கேள்வி தென்னைமரத்தைப்பற்றியது."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—" புயலினால் வாழை மரங்களும் பாதிக்கப்பட்டன ; அதனால்தான் இந்தக் கேள்வியை நான் கேட்கின்றேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The question is specifically about coconuts only."

Expenditure for His Excellency the Governor's tour in Nellore in March 1953.

* 1037 *Q.*—SRI G. C. KONDAYYA : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state how much expenditure was incurred by the Government on account of His Excellency the Governor's tour in Nellore district in the first week of March 1953?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" A total expenditure of Rs. 775-3-9 has been incurred by the Government on account of the Governor's tour in Nellore district during the first week of March 1953.

" I hope, Sir, by reason of such questions put on the floor of the Assembly, the Governor will not be deterred from fulfilling his constitutional functions which include making these most useful visits to various parts of this State."

SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—" What was the purpose of the Governor's visit to Nellore, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Development of considerable goodwill, Sir."

SRI B. SANKARIAH :—" మార్చి నెలలో గవర్నరుగారు నెల్లూరులో పర్యటన చేసినప్పుడు అక్కడ ప్రజలవద్దనుండి ఏలాంటి representation గాని petition గాని తేసుకోవడం లేదని చెప్పారు. అలాంటప్పుడు, వారి పర్యటనయొక్క ఉపయోగ మేమీ చెప్పుతారా ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The visits of the Governors and the President of the Union after the

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Constitution are different from the old time visits. In the old days, the Governor functioned as the head of the executive Government. Now, he is a functionary and there is no object in his receiving petitions though he may have no objection to receiving them and sending them on to the Government, just as hon. Members receive petitions and send them to the Government. So far as the objects are concerned, they are very important other than remedying administrative grievances. The Governor has a function which we understand and that is the reason why in the Constitution he is given a place.''

SRI G. C. KONDAYYA :—'' Since the Governor visited only temples and festivals, can the Government afford to spend on such visits? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' There is much gain by visiting temples and festivals. It is there that we get the common average good type of men and women. As regards the desirability of touring, the function is there and tour expenses are provided. I think that indirect influence is much healthier than direct propaganda.''

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—'' Are the Government aware of the feelings of the people that in the present set-up of the Government the Cabinet being responsible for the administration of the country, frequent tours by the Governor are a costly superfluity? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' I do not think that the hon. Member reflects the opinion of the people, judged from the number of people that gather during the Governor's tours.''

SRI P. VENKATESWARLU :—'' The Hon. Chief Minister told us that the Governor was making tours to develop goodwill. May I know, Sir, whether that goodwill is between the Governor and the people or the Government and the people? ''

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—'' The word ' goodwill ' is an abstract description of a very real matter, viz., peaceful and good relationship between men and men. It makes no distinctions between one set of people and another set of people.''

Liquor permits to officers.

* 1038 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Judges of the Madras High Court and gazetted officers under the State hold liquor permits;

(*b*) how many Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council hold such permits; and

(*c*) how many Police and Prohibition officials hold such permits?